

Project EASIER Fall Workshops

Session Information

(Listed in alphabetical order by session title.)

SESSION	PRESENTER(S)	INTENDED AUDIENCE, BUT OPEN TO ALL WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS	DESCRIPTOR
Data Elements	Coleen McClanahan Andy Wheeler	All Project EASIER staff	This session will include a review of data elements required for fall 2006 reporting. Specific attention will be given to new data elements and to enrollment and exit codes, Kindergarten literacy assessment, and English Language Learner data expectations.
Data Quality	Leland Tack	All EASIER staff	This session will cover procedures for reviewing and/or improving local data quality. Topics include an overview of security practices, editing, data dictionaries, reporting cycles, and FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act). Also discussed will be the various roles staff play in assuring data quality.
Graduation Rates/Dropout Reporting	Shawn Snyder Xiaoping Wang	Administrators, Curriculum Directors, and any staff working with graduation and dropout data	This session will provide information on the current calculation of graduation rates, the transition to a new model for the calculation of graduation rates, and will provide an update on the reporting procedures for dropouts.
Iowa Testing Program Bar Code and Related Issues	David Frisbie	Staff working with Bar Code labels and with AYP	This session is directed primarily at describing the procedures for producing and using bar code labels when testing with the Iowa Tests. An overview of the procedures, a description of a new checking procedure, and a question-answer period will be included. As time permits, general questions about using the Iowa Tests will be addressed.
Project EASIER and the Transition to Certified Enrollment for the Fall of 2007	Shawn Snyder	Administrators, staff who work with Certified Enrollment, and those who submit Project EASIER data	This session will provide a discussion on preliminary plans to use Project EASIER data for Certified Enrollment in the fall of 2007. Included in the discussion will be data elements and other information needed to populate the Certified Enrollment forms.

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Project EASIER Basics	Coleen McClanahan	Staff new to Project EASIER and/or returning staff who would like a “refresher course” about EASIER	This session will include a general overview of Project EASIER including design and purpose as well as timeline and coordination activities. Discussion and questions will be welcome.
Questions and Answers/Helpful Hints/File Processing Review	Margie Hanson	Interested staff	This session will address specific questions and/or concerns workshop participants may have regarding any aspect of Project EASIER. File processing and approval procedures will be demonstrated and addressed. Changes on the district certification page will be highlighted. A set of frequently asked questions, helpful hints and "tricks of the trade" will be offered in hopes of making Fall 2006 the easiest EASIER yet!
Software Sessions	Facilitated by Project EASIER staff	Interested staff	These sessions will provide a discussion forum for software users. Vendors will not be in attendance at the workshops, so vendor specific issues won't be discussed. However, Project EASIER staff will share helpful insights that might assist local staff as data are entered and files are created. These insights have been identified through work with local districts and with the vendors.
State ID System	Carla Schimelfenig	Staff working with State ID System	This session will preview the changes in the upgraded version of the State ID application that will be implemented later in September. Changes involve: a move from buttons to menu- driven selections, the ability to edit students' data without having to re-enter all information, batch and individual student searches, and information regarding the issuing of new logins and passwords for all users. After these changes have been discussed, the file upload process will be reviewed for new users and others wishing to remain.